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Sir:

**COMMUNICATION REGARDING  
OFFICIAL ACTION DATED JULY 3, 2000**

On June 21, 2000, Applicants filed a Preliminary Amendment subsequent to the Continued Prosecution Application filed April 6, 2000. An Official Action was issued on July 3, 2000 which did not refer to or reflect entry of Applicants' Preliminary Amendment. Applicants' Attorney conducted a telephonic interview with Examiner Schwadron on July 25, 2000 and requested entry of the Preliminary Amendment. The Examiner indicated that a new Official Action would be sent in response to Applicants' Preliminary Amendment and that

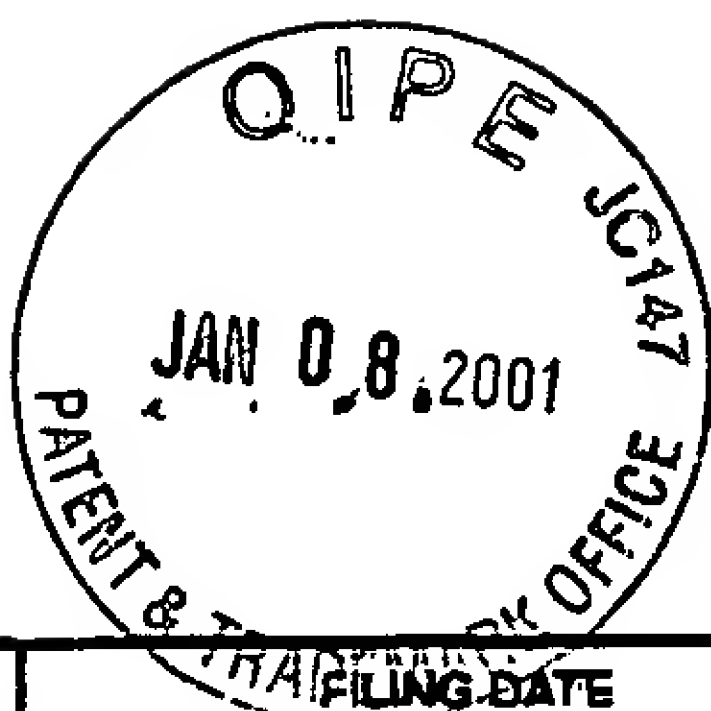
the response period would be reset to the mailing date of the new Official Action. The Examiner memorialized this interview in an Interview Summary (copy enclosed) faxed to Applicants' Attorney on July 25, 2000. To date, however, Applicants have not received a new Official Action as indicated in the Interview Summary.

Nevertheless, pursuant to the enclosed Interview Summary, Applicants believe the outstanding Official Action dated July 3, 2000 to be withdrawn and no response to be due. As such, Applicants' also believe that no extension of time is necessary. To the extent this belief is in error, Applicants hereby petition for any necessary extension of time and the Commissioner is authorized to charge any extension fees or fee otherwise deemed necessary to Deposit Account No. 23-3050.

Date: January 3, 2001

  
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### INTERVIEW SUMMARY

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

- (1) Mark Rosen (3) \_\_\_\_\_  
(2) New Schwadon (4) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Interview 7/25/2000

Type: ☒ Telephonic ☐ Personal (copy is given to ☐ applicant ☐ applicant's representative)

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_

Agreement ☒ was reached. ☐ was not reached.

Claim(s) discussed: NONE

Identification of prior art discussed: NONE

Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Indicated  
that new Office Action would be sent  
in response to amendment filed 6/23/2000.  
Response period would be reset to  
mailing date of new Office Action.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments, if available, which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments which would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

1. ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview.

Unless the paragraph above has been checked to indicate to the contrary, A FORMAL WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION IS NOT WAIVED AND MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a response to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW.

2. ☐ Since the Examiner's interview summary above (including any attachments) reflects a complete response to each of the objections, rejections and requirements that may be present in the last Office action, and since the claims are now allowable, this completed form is considered to fulfill the response requirements of the last Office action. Applicant is not relieved from providing a separate record of the interview unless box 1 above is also checked.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an attachment to another form.

7/25/2000